

**DECLARATION  
Utility Application**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING NATIVE BINDING the specification of which

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed	
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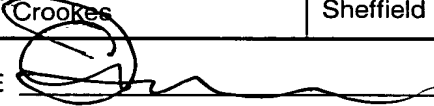
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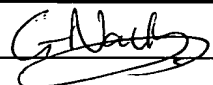
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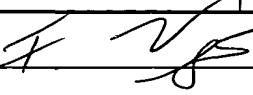
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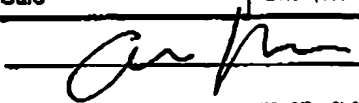
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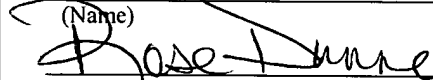
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